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To the Sanitary Authority
Urban Sanitary District
Wantage
Berks

Gentlemen

It is again my duty, to present
for your consideration, a report
statistical and general for 1898
dealing with the Sanitary District
of which I am Medical Officer
of Health

Vital Statistics

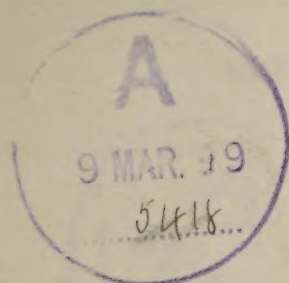
The area is 2296 acres

The population at the last Census
was 3669

The Deaths registered, including the
Workhouse, numbered 71 viz Wantage 53
Workhouse 18 which is equal to 19.3
per 1000 for the entire district, and
14.4 for Wantage alone -

The Births were 90 being at the rate
of 24 per 1000 of the population

Deaths from (so-called) Zymotic Diseases
Four were registered, viz: one from Typhoid



Fever, and three from Measles -
Compared with the last six years the figures are

	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898
Whooping Cough	1	1	"	6	1	"	"
Typhoid Fever	1	"	"	1	"	"	1
Erysipelas	"	1	1	"	3	"	"
Diphtheria	"	1	"	"	3	2	"
Influenza	8	"	1	"	"	"	2
Measles	"	"	1	"	"	"	3
Puerperal Fever	1	1	"	"	2	"	"
Scarlet Fever	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

Typhoid Fever

Only one case occurred during the year, and proved fatal - grave sanitary defects were found in the house, they were promptly attended to, and the disease did not spread.

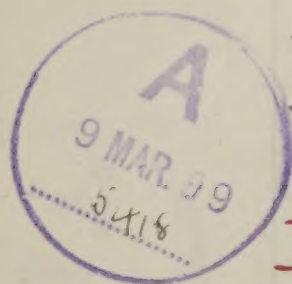
Diphtheria

17 Cases were notified to me, during the first six months of the year, when the Notification of Infectious Diseases Act was in operation.

During the last six months, some 10 cases came under my notice - all the cases recovered, and when sanitary defects were found, they were remedied - I can, from personal experience, speak highly of the new remedy, Anti-Diphtheric Serum -

Influenza

This disease, I regret to say, was very prevalent



last Spring, directly causing 2 deaths -
No means, at present known to Medical
Science, seem to have any effect in
preventing its spread, to avoid the
neighbourhood of those who are, or
have recently been its victims, and
to keep the standard of health as high
as possible, seem the best means to
minimize the risk of infection

Scarlet Fever

About 20 cases of a mild type, were either
notified to me, or came directly under my
own observation, during the year, none
of the cases were fatal

Measles

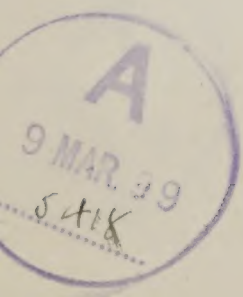
An extensive epidemic broke out in the
early Spring, resulting in 3 deaths
The disease was of a particularly virulent
type

Small Pox

No case was brought under my notice during
the year - It cannot be too strongly
impressed upon the public mind, that
efficient vaccination is the only known
means of prevention

Tuberculosis (so-called Consumption)

The year 1898 showed a considerable
diminution in the mortality from
this disease - It ought to be more



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generally known that it is infectious, and conveyed from the sick to the healthy

Water Supply

The Water supplied by the Water Company continues of good quality, and is well adapted for domestic purposes —

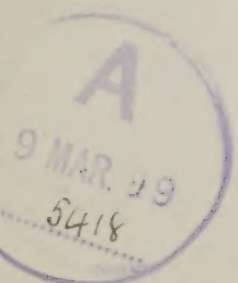
Food


No complaints as to the fitness of food for consumption, or diseases arising therefrom, have been brought under my notice during the year.

Sanitary Staff

I can express myself in the highest terms, of the effective and prompt help given me, by your Inspector Mr. Belcher

I have during the year, made systematic inspections of the district, and also when occasion demanded it.





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Summary of Work done during the year

Houses Inspected	110
Drains, Sewers etc	45-
Wells	20
Samples of Water examined	25-

Appended are Tables of Deaths, and
Infectious Diseases

I remain, Gentlemen

Your obedient servant

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Wantage
Berks -

March 1st 1899 -

